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Board of Education.

Monmouth, Illinois, July 11, 1917

President of Toronto University,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:--

We are writing to you to ask your favor in a matter that may be of great convenience to us, as well as to some one of your brave Canadian soldiers, who may have been wounded in the service so much as to be unfit for further active service, but who would be able to teach military tactics and training in our secondary school.

We wish to offer in Monmouth High School, military training. We shall be able to have a cadet troop of some 200 or more boys, but are unable to secure a competent officer to take charge of this work. Our Board of Education and our citizens are very much interested in this matter. It has occurred to us that we might be able to secure, through your recommendation, some Canadian soldier, who has lost an arm or in some way has been made unfit for further service, who has the proper character and training to qualify him to take charge of High School boys, and who would find in such a position desirable service and compensation as well. We should like to have an officer well enough qualified in education to appreciate the conditions of High School work, and who would be a character of good influence over our boys. He would find an enthusiastic reception, and would have everything that we can furnish for his work.

It has occurred to us that you may know some man, even of college training, who has had to return from active experience, who would be available for such work, and who might continue to do his bit by coming to us in such a capacity. If you are able to put us in touch with such a person, or with the department of your government which would be able to serve us, we shall feel very grateful to you and shall consider that we are also doing our bit well, as allies, in our present struggle.

Your attention to this matter will be highly appreciated and we shall await a reply to our letter with keen interest, and hopefully.

Very respectfully yours,

L. L. Caldwell

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July 13th, 1917

Superintendent L. L. Caldwell,

Board of Education,

Monmouth, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of President Falconer I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter inquiring about an instructor in military tactics and training for next winter. We have fewer returned invalided officers than you would imagine and several similar requests have come from American Universities. If you will write to General W. Gwatkin, Chief of Staff, Militia Department, Ottawa, he will be able, if any one can, to suggest names of suitable men, as the returned men are under his department.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

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July 19th, 1917

Mr. I. I. Caldwell,

Superintendent, Board of Education,

Monmouth, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th I may say that President Falconer communicated with General Gwatkin, and asked him from his list of returned university men to help the American Colleges who had asked for instructors in military training next winter.

We are communicating now with univereity men who are discharged from active military work in the hope that we may be able to assist the American Colleges, and I have your name on our list. The Registrar of the University will communicate with you or have the men willing to take on these duties communicate with you direct. I have given him your letter, and shall be glad to do anything to help in the matter.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.